

Brick Store
Road 488, .7 miles east of
Road 489
Smyrna Vicinity
New Castle County
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle County	TOWN OR VICINITY Blackbird Hundred
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Brick Store		HABS NO. DE-218
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Brick Store Farm		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Located at the east terminus of county route 488, .7 miles east of the intersection with Road 489; Located on the north bank of Smyrna River.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1767 (dated with glazed headers in west gable)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Brick Store is the only known colonial period agricultural building surviving in southern New Castle County. It was built as a creek side grain warehouse in 1767 and converted into a dwelling before 1810.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick: glazed header Flemish bond used on land (northwest) elevation; common bond on gable ends and creek side elevations.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Period I: 3 roughly equal size storage and processing bays. Period II: middle bay subdivided into lobby entry and unheated inner room; chimney piles added.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Glazed header date - 1767. Scaffolding holes in masonry. Evidence for original creek side hoist and land side openings (later enlarged).		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Common rafter roof with double tier of half dovetail lap joined collar beams and three light common purlins per each roof elevation. Period II paneling including remains of fielded panel overmantels and chimney closets.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Conversion to dwelling by 1810. Unchanged since early 19th century. Reference to conversion made in orphans court property valuation ca. 1810 and verified in mid 19th-century insurance policy.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE rough storage; roof deteriorated; building progressing to ruinous state.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places Ruth Anne Clarke, <u>Brick Store: Architectural Study</u> (unpublished report, 1979)		
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